

ABSTRACT

A process and apparatus for informing a transmitting facsimile machine of error occurrence in a first receiving facsimile machine, including the steps of: inputting the telephone number of a second facsimile machine; when a ring signal is input from the transmitting facsimile machine of the fax data, forming a communication line, exchanging protocols and storing the telephone number of the transmitting facsimile machine among the protocols, received from the transmitting facsimile machine; printing the fax data received from the transmitting facsimile machine and checking whether an error occurs or not at the same time; if an error occurs, detecting an error message corresponding to the error from a pre-stored error table and storing the error message; after the communication line is cut off from the transmitting facsimile machine due to the error occurrence, detecting the telephone number of the transmitting facsimile machine and forming a communication line; and when the communication line with the transmitting facsimile machine is formed, transmitting error information to the transmitting facsimile machine.